

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 1-9 in its entirety with the following paragraph:

The connexin protein or proteins targeted by the ODN will be dependent upon the site at which downregulation is to be effected. This reflects the nonuniform make-up of gap junction (s) at different sites throughout the body in terms of connexin sub-unit composition. The connexin may be any connexin that naturally occurs in a human or animal. The connexin gene (including coding sequence) generally has homologue with any of the specific connexins mentioned herein, such as homology with the connexin 43 coding sequence shown in ~~Table 1~~ Table 2. The connexin is typically an a or connexin. Preferably the connexin is expressed in the skin or nervous tissue (including brain cells).

One page 34, line 16, please replace the table heading "Table 1" with "Table 3 (SEQ ID NO:12)"